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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

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10/825,601

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

My-Trang N. Ton

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2 and 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 August 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/16/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The search report cited on PTOL was not considered at this time since is not readily available to the Examiner. To expedite prosecution, it is requested that Applicant submits a copy of the search report for consideration.

Drawings

Figure 1 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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Claims 1-2 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Johnson (U.S Patent No. 6,559,706).

Johnson discloses in Fig. 1 a mixer circuit including:

Regarding claim 1:

an input stage (400, 401) and a mixer stage (410, 411, 421, 420), the input stage (400, 401) being arranged to convert the voltage input signal (connected to base of 400, 401) into differential current signals (connected to common node of 410, 411, and 421, 420) and the mixer stage (410, 411, 421, 420) being arranged to mix the differential current signals (connected to common node of 410, 411, 421, 420) with the local oscillator signal (105, 106) to provide the output signal (connected to 422, 423), characterized by means for injecting a compensation current (201-213, 230-240, 302-305 (current provides by 231, 232)) into the input stage (400, 401) so as to balance the differential current signals (connected to common node of 410, 411, 421, 420) provided to the mixer stage (410, 411, 421, 420).

Regarding claim 2: the means for injecting a compensating current (201-213, 230-240, 302-305) into the input stage (400, 401) comprising means for injecting the compensation current (231, 232) into a voltage input (connected to 22, 23) of the input stage (400, 401), the voltage input (connected to 22, 23) being one of a pair of differential inputs for receiving the voltage input signal (applied to the base of 400, 401).

The method recited in claim 7 is similarly rejected as claim 1.

Allowable Subject Matter

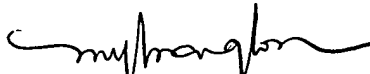
Claims 3-6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. None of the prior art disclosed or suggested to show the particular structure and/or the particular operation recited in these claims namely: "the means for injecting a compensation current into the input stage comprising a memory for storing a predetermined compensation current value, and means for generating a compensation current corresponding to that value" as recited in claim 3; "the means for injecting a compensation current into the input stage comprising a resistor bridge coupling input voltages to the voltage inputs of the input stage, the compensation current being injected into the input stage via the resistor bridge" as recited in claim 6.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to My-Trang N. Ton whose telephone number is 571-272-1754. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 a.m - 5:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Callahan can be reached on 571-272-1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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